

Exam 15/01/2009 (In the Middle of Europe: The Strategic History of Germany from 1648 to Today)

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This exam consists of two parts. You have 60 minutes for the exam: Please use ca. 20 minutes for part 1 and ca. 40 minutes for part 2.

Part 1 ("knowledge" questions):

This part contains 4 questions plus 1 "bonus question".

Please answer all 4 questions.

You are free to answer the "bonus question" (it may be used to compensate for a fault or an error in another question).

You should answer the questions with 2 or 3 sentences giving a definition or description of the relevant term. **DO NOT SPEND MORE THAN 20 MINUTES FOR THIS PART.**

This part will count 1/3 for the total exam result.

1. What was the "Konvention von Tauroggen" (convention of Tauroggen)?

2. What was the treaty of Brest-Litovsk?

3. What was the "Westbindung"?

4. What was the "Appeasement" policy?

5. BONUS QUESTION: What was the "Potsdamer Konferenz" (Potsdam conference)?

Part 2 ("analytical" questions):

This part contains 2 questions. PLEASE CHOOSE **ONE** QUESTION **ONLY** and answer this question. DO **NOT** ANSWER BOTH QUESTIONS!

Please write an essay about ONE of the two questions. You should spend 40 minutes to write this essay. Please use additional sheets of paper to write this essay.

6.a. Please describe and analyze the German-Russian relations from the Napoleonic period till 1990. Indicate and discuss key concepts, events etc. in this relation.

OR

6.b. Please compare and discuss major foreign policy issues in the periods leading to German "unification" in 1871 (= period from 1848 to 1871) and leading to German "reunification" 1990 (= period from 1949 to 1990).

This part will count 2/3 for the total exam result.